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**ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE**

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Sir :

In response to the Examiner's Election Requirement of July 13, 2007, setting a one month period for response to extend until August 13, 2007, Applicants elect Species I (Figure 3, as designated by the Examiner), with traverse for the reasons expressed below. Claims 1-8 are considered to be "readable" on the Species I, and at least claims 1 and 2 are considered to be generic.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Election Requirement.

It would appear that the search for the species identified by the Examiner would be coextensive or at least significantly overlap. That is, if the Examiner were to perform a search for the embodiment of Species I, there would not appear to be a serious burden in continuing the examination of the other embodiments, particularly since a proper search for each species designated by the Examiner requires searching for an electronic still camera comprising: a photographing optical system; an image pick-up device; and a transmission optical component; wherein light rays of an object which are passed through

said photographing optical system are incident on a sensor surface of said image pick-up device through said transmission optical component, wherein said transmission optical component is shaped so as to shift an image point of an object image formed through said photographing optical system rearwards with respect to said photographing optical system.

Because the search of all of the species would be coextensive, it would not be a serious burden on the Examiner to examine all of the claims in this application. For this reason, and consistent with office policy as set forth in M.P.E.P. 803, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the Election Requirement.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the Election Requirement in this application is improper and it is respectfully requested that it be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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